

# **EXHIBIT “A”**

AO 440 (Rev. 12/09) Summons in a Civil Action

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

NICOLE COLEY

*Plaintiff*

v.

KATHY L. RUMER, D.O., F.A.C.O.S.;  
DELAWARE VALLEY AESTHETICS, PLLC  
D/B/A RUMER COSMETIC SURGERY

*Defendant*

Civil Action No. 18-1188

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address)

Kathy L. Rumer, D.O., F.A.C.O.S.  
105 Ardmore Ave  
Ardmore, PA 19003

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

KRISTY L. BRUCE, ESQ.

The Rubinstein Law Firm, LLC  
1675 Whitehorse Mercerville Rd  
Suite 106  
Hamilton, NJ 08619

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

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Date: 3/20/18

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To: (Defendant's name and address)

Delaware Valley Aesthetics, PLLC  
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105 Ardmore Ave  
Ardmore, PA 19003

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

NICOLE COLEY,  
514 E. 163<sup>rd</sup> St., Apt. 3D  
Bronx, NY 10451,

Plaintiff,

-against-

KATHY L. RUMER, D.O., F.A.C.O.S.  
105 Ardmore Avenue  
Ardmore, PA 19003

and

DELAWARE VALLEY AESTHETICS, PLLC  
d/b/a RUMER COSMETIC SURGERY,  
105 Ardmore Avenue  
Ardmore, PA 19003

Defendants.

Civil Action No.:

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

ORIGINAL COMPLAINT FOR  
DAMAGES PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. §1332

Plaintiff Nicole Coley, by and through her attorneys, THE RUBINSTEIN LAW FIRM, LLC., now comes before this Court and complains of KATHY L. RUMER, D.O., F.A.C.O.S., and DELAWARE VALLEY AESTHETICS, PLLC d/b/a RUMER COSMETIC SURGERY, as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. Plaintiff NICOLE COLEY, 514 East 163<sup>rd</sup> Street, Apt. 3D, Bronx, New York 10451.
2. Defendant KATHY L. RUMER, D.O., F.A.C.O.S., is located at 105 Ardmore Avenue, Ardmore, Pennsylvania 19003; defendant DELAWARE VALLEY AESTHETICS, PLLC d/b/a

RUMER COSMETIC SURGERY is located at and maintains its principal place of business at 105 Ardmore Avenue, Ardmore, Pennsylvania 19003.

3. The claims herein are brought against both the defendants in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332 due to diversity of citizenship between plaintiff and defendants, and that this matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000.00, exclusive of costs and interest. The within action asserted herein arose from and are connected to purposeful acts taken by defendants, their agents and/or employees in Pennsylvania. Defendants contacts with Pennsylvania were continuous and systematic. Plaintiff seeks money damages as compensation for the personal injuries and pain and suffering of plaintiff NICOLE COLEY, caused by the medical malpractice, negligence and wrongful acts and omissions of defendants in their medical and surgical care and treatment of plaintiff in the gender reassignment surgery performed by defendants upon plaintiff.

4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332, venue is properly placed in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, in that plaintiff is a resident of the County of Bronx, State and City of New York and defendants are residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having an address at 105 Ardmore Avenue, Ardmore, Pennsylvania 19003, which is within the jurisdiction of this Court.

5. This medical malpractice lawsuit is timely filed, in that it is commenced within 2 years from the last date of continuous treatment by defendants KATHY L. RUMER, D.O., F.A.C.O.S., and DELAWARE VALLEY AESTHETICS, PLLC d/b/a RUMER COSMETIC SURGERY, for the injuries complained of herein, which would be timely if brought within the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas, Trial Division, pursuant to Pennsylvania State law governing a medical malpractice action.

**II.**

**PARTIES**

6. Plaintiff Nicole Coley, hereinafter "Plaintiff", is an adult individual currently residing at 514 East 163<sup>rd</sup> Street, Apt. 3D, Bronx, New York 10451.

7. Defendant KATHY L. RUMER, D.O., F.A.C.O.S., hereinafter "Dr. Rumer", was and is a doctor of osteopathic medicine, who at all times pertinent hereto, was engaged in the practice of medicine, pursuing the specialty of cosmetic, plastic and gender reassignment surgery, maintaining an office at 105 Ardmore Avenue, Ardmore, Pennsylvania 19003.

8. Defendant DELAWARE VALLEY AESTHETICS, PLLC d/b/a RUMER COSMETIC SURGERY, hereinafter "Rumer Cosmetic", is and was, at all times pertinent hereto, a professional limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and using a fictitious name Rumer Cosmetic Surgery to provide medical services to patients, operating by and through its agents and/or employees, ostensible agents, residents, medical students, staff, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and technicians, who operated and staffed a certain facility located at 105 Ardmore Avenue, Ardmore, Pennsylvania 19003.

9. At all times relevant and material hereto, defendant Dr. Rumer, owned, operated, managed, maintained and/or staffed defendant Rumer Cosmetic.

**III.**

**FACTS**

10. Plaintiff is asserting a professional liability claim against defendants Dr. Rumer and Rumer Cosmetic.

11. On March 23, 2016, and at all times pertinent hereto, defendant Dr. Rumer, was and is a doctor of osteopathic medicine and a cosmetic/plastic surgeon licensed under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who at all times pertinent hereto has held herself out as a specialist in cosmetic/plastic surgery, and more particularly, as a specialist in gender reassignment surgery. Dr. Rumer maintains an office and place of business at 105 Ardmore Avenue, Ardmore, Pennsylvania 19003. Plaintiff is asserting a professional liability claim against this defendant.

12. On March 23, 2016, and at all times pertinent hereto, defendant Rumer Cosmetic was and is, a professional limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to provide medical services to patients, and upon information and belief, maintained an office and place of business at 105 Ardmore Avenue, Ardmore, Pennsylvania 19003. At all times pertinent hereto, Dr. Rumer was an agent, servant and/or employee of defendant Delaware Valley Aesthetics, PLLC d/b/a Rumer Cosmetic Surgery. Plaintiff is asserting a professional liability claim against this defendant.

13. On March 23, 2016, and at all times pertinent hereto, defendant Dr. Rumer was engaged in the practice of medicine, pursuing the specialty of cosmetic, plastic and gender reassignment surgery, and was obliged to bring to bear in the practice of her profession the professional skill, knowledge, and care which she possessed, and to pursue her profession in accordance with reasonably safe and acceptable standards of medicine in general, cosmetic, plastic and gender reassignment surgery in particular.

14. On March 23, 2016, and at all times relevant and material hereto, Dr. Rumer acted individually and/or through her agents, ostensible agents, employees, residents, medical students, staff, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and technicians who were acting with

actual or implied authority to act within the course and scope of their employment and/or agency with Dr. Rumer.

15. On March 23, 2016, and at all times relevant and material hereto, Delaware Valley Aesthetics, PLLC d/b/a Rumer Cosmetic Surgery, acted individually and/or through its agents, ostensible agents, staff, employees, residents, physicians, fellows, medical students, including Dr. Rumer, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, technicians and/or contractors who were acting with actual or implied authority to act within the course and scope of their authority in the furtherance of the business and practice of Delaware Valley Aesthetics, PLLC d/b/a Rumer Cosmetic Surgery.

16. On March 23, 2016, and at all times relevant and material hereto, a physician-patient relationship existed between plaintiff, Dr. Rumer and Delaware Valley Aesthetics, PLLC d/b/a Rumer Cosmetic Surgery.

17. Plaintiff's injuries and damages were caused solely and exclusively by the negligence and carelessness of defendants, and/or their actual agents, apparent agents and/or ostensible agents, servants and/or employees, individually, jointly and severally, and were not caused or contributed to by any act or failure on the part of the plaintiff.

18. On or about March 23, 2016, plaintiff presented to defendant Dr. Rumer and Rumer Cosmetic for gender reassignment surgery, which was being performed by defendants, their agents, servants and/or employees at Delaware County Memorial Hospital, 501 North Lansdowne Avenue, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, 19026.

19. Prior to and on March 23, 2016, plaintiff was suffering from gender dysphoria, male to female.



20. Prior to March 23, 2016, plaintiff consulted with Dr. Rumer and Rumer Cosmetic to discuss gender reassignment surgery, male to female.
21. Prior to March 23, 2016, plaintiff underwent hormone therapy, counseling and completed all preoperative guidelines set forth by the World Professional Association of Transgender Health, in preparation for gender reassignment surgery, male to female, to be performed by Dr. Rumer and Rumer Cosmetic.
22. Prior to March 23, 2016, defendants Dr. Rumer and Rumer Cosmetic cleared plaintiff for gender reassignment surgery, male to female.
23. On March 23, 2016, defendants Dr. Rumer and Rumer Cosmetic, performed a penile inversion vaginoplasty, local skin graft, and related surgical procedures upon plaintiff at Delaware County Memorial Hospital.
24. Plaintiff, subsequent to performance of gender reassignment surgery on March 23, 2016, by defendants Dr. Rumer and Rumer Cosmetic, continued postoperative care with Dr. Rumer and Rumer Cosmetic.
25. Plaintiff, subsequent to performance of gender reassignment surgery on March 23, 2016, by defendants Dr. Rumer and Rumer Cosmetic, performed all postoperative care and procedures as instructed by Dr. Rumer and Rumer Cosmetic.
26. Plaintiff also continued to receive continuous medical care and treatment from Dr. Rumer and Rumer Cosmetic, upon information and belief, up to and including March, 2017.
27. Despite plaintiff's adherence to postoperative care, plaintiff as a direct result of the negligence of defendants Dr. Rumer and Rumer Cosmetic in performance of the penile inversion vaginoplasty, suffered a urethral stricture and misalignment, loss of vaginal cavity, protruding proboscis which occurs during arousal, labia scar tissue and clitoral insensitivity, in addition to

infection and her inability to engage in sexual intercourse, as well as severe psychological trauma and gender dysphoria.

28. Due to the medical negligence of defendants Dr. Rumer and Rumer Cosmetic, plaintiff, on July 11, 2017, at Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital, New York, New York, underwent a clitoroplasty to correct her clitoris which was buried in scar tissue and insensate; a urethroplasty to correct her urethra; a vaginoplasty to recreate her vagina; and a bilateral labiaplasty to correct her labia and remove hanging skin.

29. As a result of the aforesaid negligence of defendants Dr. Rumer and Rumer Cosmetics, plaintiff has been obliged to receive and undergo medical attention and care, and to incur various and diverse expenses, all of which plaintiff may continue to expend in the future.

30. As a further result of the medically negligent actions of defendants Dr. Rumer and Rumer Cosmetic, plaintiff suffered physical pain, mental anguish, humiliation and disfigurement, and will continue to suffer same for an indefinite time into the future.

31. As a result of the medical negligence of defendants Dr. Rumer and Rumer Cosmetic, plaintiff has suffered a diminution in her ability to enjoy life and life's pleasures, all of which may and will continue indefinitely into the future.

#### IV.

#### COUNT I. NEGLIGENCE

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32. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in Paragraphs "1" through "31", as if same were set forth at length herein.

33. Plaintiff's aforesaid injuries, expenses, losses and damages were the result of the negligence, carelessness and recklessness of defendant Dr. Rumer, her agents, servants, workers

and/or employees, actual, apparent, ostensible and/or others for whose acts or omissions she was responsible.

34. The aforementioned negligence, carelessness and recklessness of defendant Dr. Rumer, her agents, servants, workers and/or employees actual, apparent, ostensible and/or others for whose acts or omissions she was responsible consisted of the following, *inter alia*:

- (a) Negligently performing a penile inversion vaginoplasty on plaintiff on March 23, 2016, such that plaintiff suffered a urethral stricture and misalignment, loss of vaginal cavity, protruding proboscis which occurs during arousal, labia scar tissue and clitoral insensitivity, in addition to infection and her inability to engage in sexual intercourse, as well as severe psychological trauma and gender dysphoria;
- (b) Seriously damaging plaintiff's urethra, vaginal cavity, labia and clitoris, to the extent that plaintiff has suffered injury requiring corrective surgery, and will require additional surgeries in the future;
- (c) In causing permanent injury to plaintiff such that plaintiff may not have a functioning and/or properly functioning vagina, labia and clitoris;
- (d) In causing permanent injury to plaintiff such that plaintiff will never have sexual function;
- (e) Failing to order, schedule and/or perform postoperative treatment and care for and on plaintiff;
- (f) Failing to render and provide reasonable medical care under the circumstances such that plaintiff would not sustain the injuries aforesaid;
- (g) Failing to timely correct deficiencies in medical care and treatment provided to plaintiff;
- (h) Failing to properly monitor, evaluate and treat plaintiff following penile inversion vaginoplasty on plaintiff on March 23, 2016;
- (i) Failing to conform to the requisite standard of reasonable medical care owed to plaintiff;
- (j) Failing to exercise the degree of skill required by a medical professional under the circumstances such that plaintiff would not sustain the injuries aforesaid;
- (k) Failing to utilize the appropriate skills and learning expected of a board certified plastic surgeon;

- (l) Failing to utilize the appropriate skills and learning expected of a board certified plastic surgeon specializing in gender reassignment surgery;
- (m) Failing to treat plaintiff in such a way as to not cause her harm;
- (n) Failing to order, schedule and/or perform various postoperative diagnostic studies;
- (o) Failing to consult with one or more physicians having the requisite knowledge and skill to treat plaintiff's condition;
- (p) Acting in such a manner as to eliminate plaintiff's opportunity to avoid severe and permanent harm and exposing her to risk of future injury and harm;
- (q) Failing to employ adequate postoperative procedures to prevent harm to plaintiff;
- (r) In providing negligent postoperative care and treatment to plaintiff;
- (s) In failing to render appropriate and/or proper medical care and treatment under the circumstances, thereby substantially increasing risk of harm that plaintiff would require future surgical procedures;
- (t) In failing to establish and follow procedures for the timely and emergent evaluation and treatment of patients postoperatively like the plaintiff;
- (u) In failing to properly supervise defendants agents, servants and/or employees in their medical care and treatment of plaintiff;
- (v) In failing to provide skilled and competent staff to care for plaintiff;
- (w) In failing to protect plaintiff from unreasonable and foreseeable risk of harm;
- (x) In failing to adequately monitor and/or observe plaintiff;
- (y) In failing to follow appropriate procedures and protocols;
- (z) In such other negligence as may be discovered during the course of discovery.

35. Plaintiff relied upon the performance of defendant for the services for which she was retained, and the failure of defendant, her agents, servants and/or employees, to exercise appropriate medical skills and care caused plaintiff severe personal injury and economic harm.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff Nicole Coley, demands compensatory damages against defendant Kathy L. Rumer, D.O., F.A.C.O.S., in an amount in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand

Dollars, along with punitive damages equal to 6 times the value of plaintiff's compensatory damages awarded by a jury, plus interest, costs and damages for pre-judgment delay.

## COUNT II. NEGLIGENCE

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36. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in Paragraphs "1" through "35", as if same were set forth at length herein.

37. Plaintiff's aforesaid injuries, expenses, losses and damages were the result of the negligence, carelessness and recklessness of defendant Rumer Cosmetic, its agents, servants, workers and/or employees, actual, apparent, ostensible and/or others for whose acts or omissions it was responsible.

38. The aforementioned negligence, carelessness and recklessness of defendant Rumer Cosmetic, its agents, servants, workers and/or employees actual, apparent, ostensible and/or others for whose acts or omissions it was responsible consisted of the following, *inter alia*:

- (a) Negligently performing a penile inversion vaginoplasty on plaintiff on March 23, 2016 such that plaintiff suffered a urethral stricture and misalignment, loss of vaginal cavity, protruding proboscis which occurs during arousal, labia scar tissue and clitoral insensitivity, in addition to infection and her inability to engage in sexual intercourse, as well as severe psychological trauma and gender dysphoria;
- (b) Seriously damaging plaintiff's urethra, vaginal cavity, labia and clitoris to the extent that plaintiff has suffered injury requiring corrective surgery, and will require additional surgeries in the future;
- (c) In causing permanent injury to plaintiff such that plaintiff may not have a functioning and/or properly functioning vagina, labia and clitoris;
- (d) In causing permanent injury to plaintiff such that plaintiff will never have sexual function;
- (e) Failing to order, schedule and/or perform postoperative treatment and care for and on plaintiff;

- (f) Failing to render and provide reasonable medical care under the circumstances such that plaintiff would not sustain the injuries aforesaid;
- (g) Failing to timely correct deficiencies in medical care and treatment provided to plaintiff;
- (h) Failing to properly monitor, evaluate and treat plaintiff following penile inversion vaginoplasty on plaintiff on March 23, 2016;
- (i) Failing to conform to the requisite standard of reasonable medical care owed to plaintiff;
- (j) Failing to exercise the degree of skill required by a medical professional under the circumstances such that plaintiff would not sustain the injuries aforesaid;
- (k) Failing to utilize the appropriate skills and learning expected of a board certified plastic surgeon;
- (l) Failing to utilize the appropriate skills and learning expected of a board certified plastic surgeon specializing in gender reassignment surgery;
- (m) Failing to treat plaintiff in such a way as to not cause her harm;
- (n) Failing to order, schedule and/or perform various postoperative diagnostic studies;
- (o) Failing to consult with one or more physicians having the requisite knowledge and skill to treat plaintiff's condition;
- (p) Acting in such a manner as to eliminate plaintiff's opportunity to avoid severe and permanent harm and exposing her to risk of future injury and harm;
- (q) Failing to employ adequate postoperative procedures to prevent harm to plaintiff;
- (r) In providing negligent postoperative care and treatment to plaintiff;
- (s) In failing to render appropriate and/or proper medical care and treatment under the circumstances, thereby substantially increasing risk of harm that plaintiff would require future surgical procedures;
- (t) In failing to establish and follow procedures for the timely and emergent evaluation and treatment of patients postoperatively like the plaintiff;
- (u) In failing to properly supervise defendants agents, servants and/or employees in their medical care and treatment of plaintiff;
- (v) In failing to provide skilled and competent staff to care for plaintiff;

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- (x) In failing to adequately monitor and/or observe plaintiff;
- (y) In failing to follow appropriate procedures and protocols;
- (z) In such other negligence as may be discovered during the course of discovery.

39. Plaintiff relied upon the performance of defendant for the services for which it was retained, and the failure of defendant, its agents, servants and/or employees, to exercise appropriate medical skills and care caused plaintiff severe personal injury and economic harm.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff Nicole Coley, demands compensatory damages against defendant Delaware Valley Aesthetics, PLLC d/b/a Rumer Cosmetic Surgery, in an amount in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars, along with punitive damages equal to 6 times the value of plaintiff's compensatory damages awarded by a jury, plus interest, costs and damages for pre-judgment delay.

### COUNT III. NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

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40. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in Paragraphs "1" through "39", as if same were set forth at length herein.

41. As a result of the negligent medical care and treatment provided, and not provided by defendant Dr. Rumer to plaintiff, plaintiff suffered severe emotional distress, including, but not limited to, depression, grief, anxiety and gender dysphoria.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff Nicole Coley, demands compensatory damages against defendant Kathy Rumer, D.O., F.A.C.O.S., in an amount in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars, along with punitive damages equal to 6 times the value of plaintiff's compensatory damages awarded by a jury, plus interest, costs and damages for pre-judgment delay.



**COUNT IV. NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**

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COSMETIC SURGERY**

42. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in Paragraphs “1” through “41”, as if same were set forth at length herein.

43. As a result of the negligent medical care and treatment provided, and not provided by defendant Rumer Cosmetic to plaintiff, plaintiff suffered severe emotional distress, including, but not limited to, depression, grief, anxiety and gender dysphoria.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff Nicole Coley, demands compensatory damages against defendant Delaware Valley Aesthetics, PLLC d/b/a Rumer Cosmetic Surgery, in an amount in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars, along with punitive damages equal to 6 times the value of plaintiff's compensatory damages awarded by a jury, plus interest, costs and damages for pre-judgment delay.

**COUNT V. INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**

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44. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in Paragraphs “1” through “43”, as if same were set forth at length herein.

45. As a result of the negligent medical care and treatment provided, and not provided by defendant Dr. Rumer to plaintiff, plaintiff suffered severe emotional distress, including, but not limited to, depression, grief, anxiety and gender dysphoria.

46. The negligence, carelessness and recklessness of defendant in their medical care and treatment of plaintiff increased the risk of harm which plaintiff sustained and will sustain in the future.



47. The medical care and treatment provided, as well as the failure to provide medical care and treatment, was intentional, extreme, outrageous and cruel.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff Nicole Coley, demands compensatory damages against defendant Kathy Rumer, D.O., F.A.C.O.S., in an amount in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars, along with punitive damages equal to 6 times the value of plaintiff's compensatory damages awarded by a jury, plus interest, costs and damages for pre-judgment delay.

**COUNT VI. INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**

**NICOLE COLEY v. DELAWARE VALLEY AESTHETICS, PLLC d/b/a RUMER  
COSMETIC SURGERY**

48. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in Paragraphs "1" through "47", as if same were set forth at length herein.

49. As a result of the negligent medical care and treatment provided, and not provided by defendant Rumer Cosmetic to plaintiff, plaintiff suffered severe emotional distress, including, but not limited to, depression, grief, anxiety and gender dysphoria.

50. The negligence, carelessness and recklessness of defendant in their medical care and treatment of plaintiff increased the risk of harm which plaintiff sustained and will sustain in the future.

51. The medical care and treatment provided, as well as the failure to provide medical care and treatment, was intentional, extreme, outrageous and cruel.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff Nicole Coley, demands compensatory damages against defendant Delaware Valley Aesthetics, PLLC d/b/a Rumer Cosmetic Surgery, in an amount in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars, along with punitive damages equal to 6 times the value of plaintiff's compensatory damages awarded by a jury, plus interest, costs and damages for pre-judgment delay.

### **COUNT VII. PUNITIVE DAMAGES**

52. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in Paragraphs "1" through "51", as if same were set forth at length herein.

53. The conduct of defendants was such that injury to the plaintiff was inevitable.

54. The defendants, joint and severally, acted in wanton and reckless disregard of the rights of plaintiff in the medical care and treatment provided and not provided.

55. The medical care defendants provided, and failed to provide, was such that their conduct was intentional, extreme, outrageous and cruel.

56. The actions of the defendants will shock the conscience of this Honorable Court and the finder of fact in this case.

WHEREFORE plaintiff demands an award of punitive damages against defendants equal to 6 times the value of plaintiff's compensatory damages awarded by a jury, plus interest, costs and damages for pre-judgment delay.

V.

### **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

57. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in Paragraphs "1" through "56", as if same were set forth at length herein.

58. Plaintiff hereby demands a jury trial on all claims so triable in this action.

WHEREFORE plaintiff demands an award of punitive damages against defendants equal to 6 times the value of plaintiff's compensatory damages awarded by a jury, plus interest, costs and damages for pre-judgment delay.

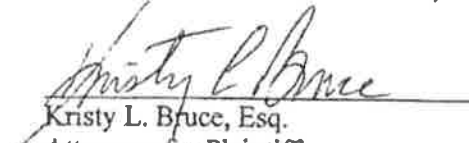
VI.

RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE, plaintiff requests that this Court enter judgment against defendants as follows:

- (a) Compensatory damages in an amount supported by the evidence at trial;
- (b) Damages including: pain, mental anguish, impairment, disfigurement, loss of life's pleasures, reasonable and necessary past and future medical expenses;
- (c) Punitive damages;
- (d) An award for attorney's fees, pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, and costs of suit, as provided by law; and
- (e) Such other legal and equitable relief this Court deems just.

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**VERIFICATION**

Nicole Coley hereby states that she is a Plaintiff in this Action and verifies that the statements set forth in the foregoing complaint are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

The undersigned understands that any false statements therein made are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities and applicable Federal Rules of Civil Procedure relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Dated: MARCH 19, 2018

Nicole Coley  
Nicole Coley

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar.

Address of Plaintiff: 514 E. 163<sup>rd</sup> Street, Apt 3D Bronx, NY 10451

Address of Defendant: 105 Ardmore Ave Ardmore PA 19003

Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: 501 N. Lansdowne Ave Drexel Hill PA 19026  
(Use Reverse Side For Additional Space)

Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock?

(Attach two copies of the Disclosure Statement Form in accordance with Fed R. Civ P. 7.1(a))

Yes ☐ No ☒

Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities?

Yes ☐ No ☒

RELATED CASE, IF ANY

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Date Terminated: \_\_\_\_\_

Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions:

1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?  
Yes ☐ No ☒
2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?  
Yes ☐ No ☒
3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?  
Yes ☐ No ☒
4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual?  
Yes ☐ No ☒

CIVIL: (Place ☒ IN ONE CATEGORY ONLY)

A. Federal Question Cases:

1. ☐ Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts
2. ☐ PELA
3. ☐ Jones Act-Personal Injury
4. ☐ Antitrust
5. ☐ Patent
6. ☐ Labor-Management Relations
7. ☐ Civil Rights
8. ☐ Habeas Corpus
9. ☐ Securities Act(s) Cases
10. ☐ Social Security Review Cases
11. ☐ All other Federal Question Cases  
(Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases:

1. ☐ Insurance Contract and Other Contracts
2. ☐ Airplane Personal Injury
3. ☐ Assault, Defamation
4. ☐ Marine Personal Injury
5. ☐ Motor Vehicle Personal Injury
6. ☒ Other Personal Injury (Please specify) medical malpractice
7. ☐ Products Liability
8. ☐ Products Liability — Asbestos
9. ☐ All other Diversity Cases

(Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION

(Check Appropriate Category)

- I, Kristy L Bruce, Esq., counsel of record do hereby certify:
- ☒ Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, Section 3(c)(2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs;
- ☐ Relief other than monetary damages is sought

DATE: 3/20/18

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Attorney I.D.#

NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38.

I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.

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Kathly L. Rumer, DO, FACOS and  
 Delaware Valley Aesthetics, PLLC  
 d/la Rumer cosmetic surgery

NO.

In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a Case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See § 1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a Case Management Track Designation Form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.

**SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKS:**

- (a) Habeas Corpus – Cases brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 through § 2255. ( )
- (b) Social Security – Cases requesting review of a decision of the Secretary of Health and Human Services denying plaintiff Social Security Benefits. ( )
- (c) Arbitration – Cases required to be designated for arbitration under Local Civil Rule 53.2. ( )
- (d) Asbestos – Cases involving claims for personal injury or property damage from exposure to asbestos. ( )
- (e) Special Management – Cases that do not fall into tracks (a) through (d) that are commonly referred to as complex and that need special or intense management by the court. (See reverse side of this form for a detailed explanation of special management cases.) ( )
- (f) Standard Management – Cases that do not fall into any one of the other tracks. ☒

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**CIVIL COVER SHEET**

JS 44 (Rev. 06/17)

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

**I. (a) PLAINTIFFS**

Nicole Coley

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Bronx, NY  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

Kristy L Bruce, Esquire, The Rubinstein Law Firm, LLC, 1675 White Horse Mercerville Rd, Suite 106, Hamilton, NJ 08619; 609-392-7600

**DEFENDANTS**

Kathy L. Rumer, DO, FACOS and Delaware Valley Aesthetics, PLLC  
d/b/a Rumer Cosmetic Surgery

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Montgomery, PA  
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)**

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- ☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☒ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)**

- |   | PTF                                   | DEF                                   |   | PTF                        | DEF                                   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Citizen of This State                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in This State     | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4            |
| Citizen of Another State                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2            | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3            | <input type="checkbox"/> 3            | Foreign Nation  | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6            |

**IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)**

Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	LABOR	PROPERTY RIGHTS	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability <b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Management Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act <b>IMMIGRATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 <b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 620 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark <b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 851 HIA (1395M) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) <b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act <input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(e)) <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Tort to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other <input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education	<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b> <b>Habeas Corpus:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty <b>Other:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement			

**V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)**

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding
- ☐ 2 Removed from State Court
- ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
- ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
- ☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)
- ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer
- ☐ 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION**

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity).  
28 USC section 1332 diversity

Brief description of cause:

plaintiff sustained serious injuries as a result of medical malpractice by defendants

**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.C.P.

**DEMAND \$**

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:  
**JURY DEMAND:** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

(See instructions)

JUDGE

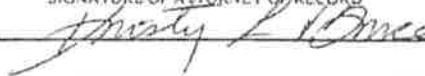
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SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD



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